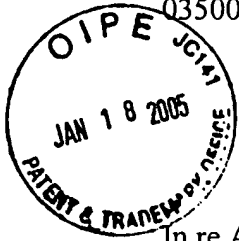


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	:	Examiner: William J. Royer
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	:	Group Art Unit: 2852
Application No.: 10/638,420)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 5192
Filed: August 12, 2003)	
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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS)	January 18, 2005
WITH HEATER HAVING BIAS	:	
APPLYING PORTION SETTING BIAS)	
BASED ON SHEET WIDTH	:	
(As Amended))	

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
SUBMISSION OF SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION
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Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully
requested to consider and enter the following amendments:

IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the title to read as follows:

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